Staffing 2014
Ms Kate Graham has been appointed to the position of Leader of School Evangelisation and Catechesis for the 2014 school year after a process of advertising, shortlisting and interviews. Kate is currently teaching at St Mary’s School Erskineville in Sydney and is looking forward to moving back to the far north coast area where she grew up. I am sure you will help to make Kate feel very welcome at St Finbarr’s.

This role is a combination of the two current leadership roles of Evangelisation and Catechesis and I sincerely thank Mr Tom O’Dwyer for his passion to and commitment for the Leader of Evangelisation role this year and the Coordinator of Ministry role over the two previous years. I know that Tom’s deep faith, commitment to social justice and care for children will continue to have a strong impact through his other roles in our school. I also thank Mrs Helen Hunter for the wisdom, expertise and humility she has brought to the Leader of Catechesis role this year.

Further staffing updates will be communicated through the newsletter however classes and teachers for 2014 will not be finalised until close to the end of the term.

Parent Information re 2014
I invite all parents to join us for an information session on Monday 28 October from 7:00pm to 8:30pm where, together with members of the school’s Leadership Team, I plan to provide information about how and why our classes are structured in stages, what research is saying about what’s most important to our children’s successful learning and highlight our school’s priorities for 2014.

The session will involve information sharing, group discussion and parent feedback. It would be wonderful to see lots of families represented. I will advise next week if we are able to provide any child-minding for those who will be unable to attend without it.

Updates
- The 2013 NAPLAN student reports are coming home to Year 3 and Year 5 parents with today’s newsletter. Please ensure that you receive the unopened envelope from your child. If you do not receive it or you have any questions regarding the report please arrange a time to meet with your child’s class teacher.

- I invite you to take a moment to read the Safe School’s Hub information insert. The Hub has been initiated to support the National Safe Schools Framework. This is a government framework aimed at ensuring all schools are positive and safe learning environments for our children.

- Remember that tonight’s Cyber Safety Talk begins at 6:00pm. The information will be relevant to all parents and the session takes place in the Kindergarten and St 1 I classrooms.

With best wishes for the week ahead,
Assistant Principal Message
Welcome back to a very busy fourth and final term of the school year. I hope you enjoyed your two weeks' holiday and have begun to settle back into school life.

School Uniform and Belongings
As we begin a new school Term I ask that you check your child’s uniform and other belongings. Regarding the school uniform, there are very clear expectations that all students wear the correct uniform, and this applies from Kinder all the way through to Year 6. Please make time to check your child’s uniform before they arrive at school. If you need to purchase any new items please have a look at the school website for a full list of uniform items available from the uniform shop every Wednesday morning.

http://www.bbplism.catholic.edu.au

Just to clarify though:

- Children are not to wear nail polish of any colour
- If hair is longer than their collar (regardless of boy/girl) it needs to be up in a ponytail for hygiene reasons
- School shoes need to be black with navy socks
- On sports days, students may wear sports shoes that are predominately white with white socks
- No wrist bands or rings are to be worn to school

Thank you to all those parents who ensure their child is neat and tidy in the correct uniform everyday. It is a constant investment of energy by parents but it is appreciated! This helps to reinforce the importance in taking pride in themselves and their school.

Be Organised
As we begin our final term of the year it is important to make some time at home to discuss how your child can get organised not only at school, but also at home. As your child gets older, they will be able to independently organise themselves (with your helpful reminders of course) and develop their organisational skills in the following ways:

- Have uniform ready the night before
- Organise lunch orders the night before
- Keep an eye on the time in the morning so it’s not a rush out the door
- Make a calendar
- Pack their bags the night before
- Create a desk/working space to work in

As we move towards the end of the year and the school calendar becomes quite busy, there will be many opportunities for students to show how well they are organising themselves. Please support your child and his/her learning by raising awareness of this important life skill.

Carolyn Wade
Assistant Principal
Leader of Pedagogy


Student Awards
Congratulations to the following St Finbarr’s students whose achievements will be recognised at our next whole school assembly this **Friday, 18 October**.

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An envelope from Father Anthony is included with today’s inserts regarding our Annual Parish Melbourne Cup fundraiser to help the Salesian Sisters in the Soloman Islands. We hope you are able to support this important cause.

St Finnie’s School Choir
This Friday kicks off the first rehearsal for the St Finbarr’s School Choir. The choir is open to ALL interested students from year 1-6 who love to sing!

We will be learning a varied repertoire of fun songs, combining Christmas, Pop, Classical and World music styles. Rehearsals initially will be on Friday afternoons from **2.45 until 3.15** in the school LIBRARY.

Our first performance will be at the Christmas Fair launch Assembly. Would you please complete and return the attached permission slip if you wish your child to take part. Numbers will be limited. **Rebecca Fogarty**

I, ______________________, give permission for my child,__________________, to come from class on Fridays at 2:45pm, beginning 18 October and concluding 6 December, to take part in the school choir with Mrs Fogarty.

Signed, ____________________.
RE NEWS

October is the Month of The Rosary.
This very traditional prayer has been an important part of our Catholic tradition for centuries. At St Finbarr’s each classroom has a set of Rosary beads and during this month the children will learn how and why this prayer is important to us.

St. Dominic Receives the Rosary: The Catholic Church traces the invention of rosary to the year 1206 C.E. when an apparition of Mary revealed it to St. Dominic Guzman. The rosary was a helpful way for St. Dominic to teach members of the Catholic Church about the important stages in the life of Jesus. Many people in Europe were illiterate, and therefore unable to learn about their religion through books.

The Rosary at Fatima: Catholics believe that in 1917 an apparition of Mary appeared to three children every month from May to October and prayed the rosary with them. By the final time, a crowd of 70,000 people had gathered to witness the vision of Mary. The people who were there at the small town of Fatima, Portugal, observed the sun move around the sky in a highly unusual way, and the muddy ground suddenly became dry. These events increased the significance of the message Mary reportedly gave to the children: “Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.”

The message of praying for peace in our world is still important today and praying the Rosary is a way that can be shared as a family, a class or prayed personally. I encourage you to spend time learning and sharing this prayer with your families.

God’s Blessings,
Helen Hunter
Leader of Catechesis

SPORT NEWS

Term 4 is shaping up as our busiest for some time. A barrage of notes will appear from bags so please take time to read and send back to school all relevant information to assist us in running these programs smoothly.

Swim and Survive (Kinder & Stage 1)
A note with all information was sent home last Tuesday about this year’s program. The program will commence on Friday 25 October.

Safe Surfing Program (Stage 2 & 3)
Information for this program was sent home yesterday (Monday 14 October) with each child in Stage 2 & 3. The program will commence on Friday 15 November.

Whole School Swimming Carnival: Friday 8 November:
Information for the carnival was also sent home yesterday (Monday 14 October) to all families.

Important : Swimming Options for Stage 2 & 3 students.
The Safe Surf program is designed for children who are confident swimmers who are also confident in and around the beach. Families who feel their child is not confident in the water are able to join the Swim and Survive Program which is run at the Byron Bay Pool by qualified swimming instructors. Please contact me at school (Wednesday – Friday) or email me: kwills@lism.catholic.edu.au so arrangements can be made.

AUSKICK (AFL)
Queensland AFL are conducting some clinics this Wednesday for children in Kinder to Year 4. These clinics and information sessions will be held during PE times on Wednesday 16 October from 11.30am to 1.00pm. A flyer for this year’s Auskick Program will be sent home with each child. All information for enrolment will be on the flyer.

Kerry Wills
Sport and PDHPE
School Banking
School Banking is every Wednesday.
Could each student who has a banking wallet please hand it to their teacher.

Keep us up-to-date
Don’t forget if you change any of your contact details i.e. address, work/home/mobile phone numbers, emergency contact details, email addresses you need to let the school office know immediately.

Canteen
Rostered on for canteen this week is

Friday 18 October - Volunteer needed
Tuesday 22 October - Volunteer needed

General News - On Display - Parent Notice Board (Outside Library)

The Ballina-Byron Family Centre
6686 4109
See notice board for all services and programs.

After School Yoga Club - St Finbarr’s with Karen
Mondays 3.15 to 4.15pm
$63 for 7 week block
Bookings essential contact Karen to register 0420 239 791

Fit Fins Run Squad 2013
Running Club from Kinder to Year 6
Training sessions Mondays and Fridays from 8am to 8.30am
$50 per term
Contact Caroline Bailey on 0409 804 131 or carolinebailey@rocketmail.com

Byron Junior Basketball Term 4- Miniball,(yrs 8-12) Tuesdays 4-5pm. (8 wk program $70.00), register 15 Oct Team Nominations now accepted for all our Junior Boys and Girls Competitions. MUSTER at 10am Sat 19 Oct at the courts Enq. + Forms e-mail, info@byronbasketball.com or phone Matt on 66859847.

Babysitters Needed!
Byron Bay Runners members need reliable, experienced babysitters around the Byron area Tues 5-7pm and Thurs 6-8pm $5 negotiable.
Email ‘byronrunner@gmail.com’ with your contact details, for more info

Toastmasters - meeting every 1st & 3rd Mon of the month in the music room at St Finbarr’s

STS Student Exchange– Contact us today to start your adventure 1800263964 or 0401741754 email: stsf@people.net.au

Guide to being a Great Father– Sat 26 Oct cost $147 contact Phil Sheridan 0413520435 or www.choicecoaching.com.au/fatherhood


Austswim Swimming Lessons call Sally Preston for bookings and info 0423222918
Finnie's Idol Draw
Below is a draw for Idol for 2013. If student’s feel they are unable to perform please let me know well in advance of their scheduled day.

Wednesday 30 October
Jasmine, Nora, Scarlett, Tilly, Erin
Paige, Samara
Lilli, Lilia, Saskia
Aimee, Lara, Paige, Olivia
Eliotte, Alana, Lilli, Brydie, Nina, Emily, Ebony

Thursday 31 October
Morgan and group
Elke, Coco, Tess, Alicia, Montana
Ebony, Nora, Scarlet, Sapphire, Eliza, Jasmine, Gabi
Cinta Carter
Camille N

Friday 1 November
Chloe, Amelia
Ruby, Stella, Lexi, Sahara, Mia
Jasmine Hawkins, Lavender Phillips
Latesha, Charlotte
Olivia K, Olivia P

Wednesday 6 November
Emily, Lola, Alana
Lilli, Lilia, Saskia, Jude, Billie, Tim, Georgia, Mia, Natalia, Rosie
Stella, Lola H

Thursday 7 November
Gabi O
Mia S
Tess/Alicia
Julia B
Ellen-Grace Hobday

Wednesday 13 November
Noah Brink
Freya Robertson
Selma Jones
Camille Neighbour
Ellen-Grace Hobday
Will N, Isaac N

Thursday 14 November
Elly, Josie, Izzy, Ella, Mia.C
Charlie, Lily A
Isabella Wall
Coco Neale
Molly Staunton
Melody Phillips
Erin W
Charlize, Zahlia

Friday 15 November
Elly Higgins
Melody Phillips
Jonah, Oliver, Sunney, Declan, Gisele, Seth, Bryce
Lavender Phillips
Dexter